

Baker County C2C Minutes for August 4, 2021

Introductions were made.

BELC update:

Angela was not available so Mark shared that they are in the process of moving the modular. It has been difficult to get contractors, but everything should be ready by fall. The BELC made the list for \$1.4 million of funding to complete many of the projects.

Courtney has asked Mark to find out what Bill this funding came from.

Theresa shared that the YMCA is on track for licensing and that a new director has been hired.

Mark shared that the School districts primary goals are the health and safety of children and staff, keeping kids in school, and providing a healthy workforce to be able to provide services. They will be following all state guidelines for Covid.

School registration is happening Aug 9-10 at each school from 7-7. BHS and Eagle Cap are registering at the High School. The district is encouraging families to apply online if possible.

Families can register for fall sports on line at family ID

If you have a middle school student they are taking student ID pictures at registration, but it is not being required.

HUB Report Tabled

Baker Relief Nursey:

RaAnn shared that they have a 2 week break coming up from Aug 16-27. They still have at least 5 open slots for enrollment. They are still trying to hire 2 teacher/HV positions. They have an interim Executive Director. Cathy Collins will be holding this position for the next 6 months.

Coordinated Enrollment:

Tammy shared that Baker has 2 in-home providers with 6 PsP slots each. She will be working with Head Start staff to enroll PsP kiddos. This is a great partnership. It is a goal to have all parents to get screened into the same system so we know where to direct parents .

It was asked how we are recruiting and Robert shared that EOUSH has hired a marketing team. Other avenues at this time are Facebook, local theatres, posters around the communities. The focus is from Prenatal to 5.

Tammy shared that the feedback from parents is that they aren't ready to put their children back in school. This may account for low enrollment numbers.

Early Childhood Workforce Development:

Theresa shared that there are open positions all communities. Home providers have decreased by 1/3. We need more childcare slots in our communities. Even with all the funding the pay is still very low and we need to pay for education. She is working with a group of individuals from TVCC, EOU and BMCC to try to get high school students enrolled in a program and their degree paid for. We need to solve this on the local level. Anyone interested in joining this work group contact Theresa Martinez. Brian shared that he has a meeting with BMCC on August 16th if Theresa would like to join.

Brian shared that we are still losing people in the County due to housing. There are many agencies needing employees. Workforce housing is a definite need for our communities.

ELD is transitioning into its own department. This is good news. This is in hopes that services will be streamlined.

Courtney shared a slide about the funds that have been allocated.

\$68m the expansion of 4,000 slots

\$95 million to fund ERDC co-pay policy changes

\$8.2m to increase the number of ERDC providers

\$3m Early Childhood Equity fund

\$2m Relief Nurserys

\$8m Summer school programs

\$250 m ARPA (American Rescue plan) child-care stabilization funds

\$150m ARPA allocated by E board, ELD.

Still waiting for final guidance from federal government on how funds can be used. Baker County is holding tight on any decisions on how to spend funds.

Robert shared how supportive the state government has been.

Review of School Readiness Goals: Tabled

Business Engagement Committee: Tabled

Roundtable sharing:

Haley shared that the Equity Subcommittee has put out a survey about homelessness, and would like all to take it and share with others. Brian included the link.

Movies in the park are happening on Thursdays. August 28th is back to school at Churchill.

Ma'lina shared about her Family Center space at the High School. People are welcomed to come and see her new space.

EOU put on a Latino Heritage Event at the HS on July 17th. Great turnout and great ideas were shared. Ma'lina will be hosting several family night events. All families have received access to internet and Chromebooks.

Focus topics at this time are Eating Healthy and Energy Trust for Latino businesses and homes for energy efficiency.

Oregon Human Development Program for HS seniors about the availability for scholarships.

ODOT will be speaking about careers.

If you have something to share with families contact Ma'Lina

Maurizio shared that the Foundation is going through strategic planning. They have identified the Thread of connection for children and families. Also it has always been a goal of the foundations that the Darkness to Light training that was funded 10 years ago would be able to stand on its own and it is. This is a celebration. The brochure has been shared with members. This is a way we can protect our children in our communities from abuse.

Theresa shared they are in desperate need of a person for Wallowa County. EOU is offering a 1 credit course on Observation and Assessment. It is limited to 20 people. The cost is \$20 and it is usually \$100. They are hoping to provide one course each quarter.

Chris shared the EBT cards are being mailed out. These are pandemic funds. All families that qualify for free and reduced lunches will get a card. Chris also shared that he completed the Darkness to Light training and it is a way we can reduce abuse in our communities by 80%-90%.

The training is offered online. Building Healthy Families is the contact for this.

Ruai shared the the Art camp for Halfway was canceled this summer, but there was a STEM camp and also a Reading program. Ruai completed the train the trainer for Nurturing Beginnings. This is a Set 1 training.

Sara was happy to announce that they have hired a .6 ECSE teacher for the Baker classroom. This will provide classroom services 4 days/week. This frees Karla up for more consult work.

Next meeting will be September 1st